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(*d*) & (*e*) The details of the reduction in establishment have not yet been decided. A saving of Rs. 2,500 is expected in the current year. The ultimate saving is estimated at Rs. 1,00,000.

(*f*) Panchayats have to pay the assessment fixed for the reserves entrusted to their management, the cost of the establishment they entertain and incidental expenses.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want to know whether there will be re-arrangement of the Forest circle and whether the services of the Conservator of Forests can be spared so that if the 'ryots' forests' were transferred to the panchayat management the same officer can be appointed to look after this work without incurring any additional expenditure ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall consider the suggestion made by the hon. Member."

Jails.

Health of Mr. Surash Chandra Sen Gupta, a State prisoner in Trichinopoly jail.

* 302 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Surash Chandra Sen Gupta, a State prisoner in Trichinopoly jail, is suffering from an internal disorder due to change in his climatic surroundings ; and

(*b*) whether the Government are taking measures to have the prisoner transferred to Bengal and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) Mr. Surash Chandra Sen Gupta is not a State prisoner. He is undergoing a sentence of transportation for life for murder in dacoity under section 396, Indian Penal Code. He is not suffering from any internal disorder due to change in his climatic surroundings.

(*b*) At the request of the Government of Bengal orders have recently been issued for the transfer of the prisoner to the Alipore jail, Bengal.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" With reference to the answer given to this question, may I know whether there was any disorder either internally or externally or whether there was any wrong with this prisoner ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am unable to say."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" As regards the answer given to clause (*b*), may we know on what ground the Government of Bengal requested this Government to transfer this prisoner to Alipore jail ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am afraid I cannot give the information because it is confidential."